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**GW/NASA RESEARCHERS DISCOVER A NEW MEMBER
IN EXOTIC CLASS OF NEUTRON STARS**

**Impact of Discovery on Missing Magnetar Population and Magnetar Family Tree
to Be Discussed at American Astronomical Society Meeting**

WASHINGTON – Researchers from The George Washington University and NASA announce today at the American Astronomical Society Meeting in Atlanta the discovery of the first transient magnetar, a neutron star previously too faint to be detected that recently increased dramatically in brightness. The finding, made in July 2003 with NASA's Rossi X-ray Timing Explorer, may ultimately fill in important gaps in neutron star evolution and magnetar identification.

Collaborators and presenters of these findings include Alaa Ibrahim, GW assistant professorial lecturer of physics and research scientist working at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., William Parke, GW professor of physics, Craig Markwardt and Jean Swank of NASA Goddard.

The newly discovered star, dim just a year ago, is named XTE J1810-197. "The discovery of this source came courtesy of another magnetar that we were monitoring named SGR 1806-20," said Ibrahim.

While studying SGR 1806-20, the magnetar which he confirmed a little more than one year ago, Ibrahim and his colleagues detected XTE J1810-197 about a degree to the northeast, within the Milky Way galaxy about 15,000 light years away [one light year is approximately six trillion miles].

A neutron star is the core remains of a star at least eight times more massive than the Sun that exploded in a supernova event. Neutron stars are highly compact, highly magnetic, fast-spinning objects with about a Sun's worth of mass compressed into a sphere roughly 10 miles in diameter.

A magnetar is a type of neutron star, but up to a thousand times more magnetic than the average neutron star. At a hundred trillion (10^{14}) Gauss, magnetars have the most powerful large-scale magnetic fields yet detected in the universe and are so magnetic that they could strip a credit card clean at a distance of 100,000 miles. The Earth's magnetic field, in comparison, is about 0.5 Gauss, and a strong refrigerator magnet is about 100 Gauss. Magnetars are brighter in X-rays than they are in visible light, and they are the only stars known that shine predominantly by magnetic power. Studying magnetars will allow researchers to test the predictions of theoreticians and their proposed laws of nature, specifically the interaction between light and matter, in some of the universe's most exotic conditions.

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While only nine magnetars are currently firmly identified, scientists estimate at least 100 should be present in the Milky Way galaxy. The team's research and findings explain the discrepancy between the small number of identified magnetars and the estimated number of magnetars in our galaxy. "The discovery of a transient magnetar is a strong indication that many magnetars spend a significant portion of their lives undetected in a relatively inactive state," said Parke.

The transient behavior of XTE J1810-197 also provides important insight toward a greater understanding of the evolution of several classes of neutron stars. Discussion of a connection among magnetars and two other neutron star families has surfaced in the scientific community in recent years. "XTE J1810-197's evolution provides the first tangible evidence in favor of such a kinship," Ibrahim said. "With a few more examples of stars showing a similar trend, a magnetar family tree may be emerging."

Supporting data also came from the Interplanetary Network, the Russian-Turkish Optical Telescope, Chandra X-ray Observatory and the defunct German-U.S. satellite ROSAT. Ibrahim's colleagues on this observation, which is the subject of an upcoming article in *The Astrophysical Journal*, include Craig Markwardt and Jean Swank of NASA Goddard; William Parke of George Washington University; Scott Ransom, Mallory Roberts and Vicky Kaspi of McGill University; Peter Woods and Chryssa Kouveliotou of NASA Marshall; Samar Safi-Harb of the University of Manitoba; Sölen Balman of the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey; and Kevin Hurley of University of California at Berkeley. Eric Gotthelf and Jules Halpern of Columbia University provided important data from Chandra.

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For NASA press release and images, visit <http://gsfc.nasa.gov/topstory>.

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**GW LAW PROFESSOR AWARDED INAUGURAL WALLACE AND
BEVERLEY WOODBURY UNIVERSITY PROFESSORSHIP**

WASHINGTON – GW Law Professor Steven A. Saltzburg has been named as the first recipient of the Wallace and Beverley Woodbury University Professorship. The inaugural professorship was formally presented at a ceremony in Salt Lake City, Utah, on January 8.

"I can not think of a more fitting tribute for Stephen," said Law School Dean Michael K. Young. "A university professorship is the most distinguished honor in academic life, bestowed upon only the very best scholars and teachers worldwide."

"I was very honored to hold the first Howrey Chair in the Law School," said Saltzburg. "Being named the first University Professor from the Law School is an unexpected surprise and it presents the opportunity for me to reach out to other parts of the University on behalf of the Law School, and that is something I very much look forward to doing."

The Wallace and Beverley Woodbury University Professorship, established as a testimonial to their lives by their children, Jeff, Rick and Lynn Woodbury, will be awarded to a professor whose intellectual and professional activities extend beyond the boundaries of the law to the entire University. Currently GW has only five such professorships.

Saltzburg, who was Howrey Professor of Trial Advocacy, Litigation and Professional Responsibility, joined the GW Law faculty in 1990. From 1972-1990, he served on the University of Virginia School of Law faculty. In 1996, Saltzburg founded the master's program in Litigation and Dispute Resolution at GW Law. His extensive public service record includes acting as associate independent counsel in the Iran-Contra investigation, as deputy assistant attorney general in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, as the Attorney General's ex-officio representative on the U.S. Sentencing Commission, and as director of the Tax Refund Fraud Task Force, appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Saltzburg currently serves as a council member of the American Bar Association (ABA) Litigation Section and the ABA House of Delegates from the Criminal Justice Section. He was appointed to the ABA Task Force on Terrorism and the Law, the Task Force on Gatekeeper Regulation and the Professional in 2001, and the President's Advisory Group on Citizen Detention and Enemy Combatant Issues in 2002. In 2001, he also was appointed as co-chair of the Task Force on the Selection of Lead Counsel in Class Actions.

The Woodbury family is affiliated with the Salt Lake City-based Woodbury Corporation, one of the Intermountain West's leading commercial real estate developers. Established in 1919 by F. Orin Woodbury, the company works closely with community leaders, land owners, investors, buyers and tenants to design, develop and manage numerous retail, hotel, office and industrial projects.

Established in 1865, The George Washington University Law School is the oldest law school in the District of Columbia. Accredited by the American Bar Association and a charter member of the Association of American Law Schools, the Law School enrolls approximately 1,750 students each year.

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GW TO LAUNCH SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT JANUARY 21 CEREMONY

**Event also to Mark Debut of the Center for Innovation in Public Service at GW,
a New Research Collaboration between the University and BearingPoint, Inc.**

EVENT: Opening ceremony for The George Washington University School of Public Policy and Public Administration. **Alice M. Rivlin**, senior fellow in the economic studies program at the Brookings Institution and former director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, will keynote the event. Also debuting at the ceremony will be the Center for Innovation in Public Service at GW, a collaboration between GW and BearingPoint, Inc. (NYSE:BE), one of the world's largest business consulting and systems integration firms.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 21, 2004, 6 – 8 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University
Media and Public Affairs Building, Jack Morton Auditorium
805 21st Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

BACKGROUND:

The School of Public Policy and Public Administration (SPPPA) in GW's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences is a focal point for public affairs education, research and public service at GW. SPPPA degree programs include the **Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.)**, including a J.D./M.P.A. joint degree program, the **Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.)**, including a J.D./M.P.P. joint degree program and M.P.P./Ph.D. in political science dual degree program, and the **Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration**.

The Center for Innovation in Public Service at GW represents a progressive partnership between GW and BearingPoint that brings together researchers and practitioners from the public, nonprofit and private sectors to address critical issues affecting the complex inter-relationships involved in 21st-century public sector governance. The center provides research and education opportunities that allow SPPPA students and faculty to work with thought leaders from the private and public sector as they seek to enhance the practice of public management. The school's faculty expertise and research experience represent a significant asset to the center's capabilities.

BearingPoint, Inc. (NYSE:BE) is one of the world's largest business consulting, systems integration and managed services firms serving Global 2000 companies, medium-sized businesses, government agencies and other organizations. BearingPoint's service offerings are designed to help its clients generate revenue, reduce costs and access the information necessary to operate their business on a timely basis. Based in McLean, Va., BearingPoint has been named by *Fortune* magazine as one of America's Most Admired Companies in the computer and data services sector. As a leading professional services company serving public service organizations, BearingPoint's wealth of industry and technology expertise greatly enhances the center's capacity to provide thoughtful, innovative programs to enhance the practice of public management.

For more information about SPPPA and the center, visit www.gwu.edu/~spppa.

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**THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND BEARINGPOINT LAUNCH
THE CENTER FOR INNOVATION IN PUBLIC SERVICE**

WASHINGTON – The George Washington University and BearingPoint, Inc. (NYSE:BE), one of the world's largest business consulting and systems integration firms, today launched the Center for Innovation in Public Service, a joint initiative aimed at empowering government leaders so they are better able to address the complex challenges involved in 21st century public sector governance. The center will be housed in GW's School of Public Policy and Public Administration.

The center will publish independent research, white papers and case studies, and provide information exchange forums for leaders and managers in public and nonprofit organizations. In addition, it plans to host online knowledge management communities, including research archives, online discussion forums, news and events information and a host of other tools.

"This is going to be a terrific addition to our academic community," said Donald R. Lehman, GW executive vice president for academic affairs. "The center joins a family of innovative, highly respected research units that make GW and the School of Public Policy and Public Administration a focal point for public affairs education and public service."

The Center for Innovation in Public Service will provide research and education opportunities allowing faculty of GW's School of Public Policy and Public Administration to collaborate with thought leaders from the private and public sector. The center also will enable GW to provide unique experiences for students, such as mentoring, research assistantships, internships and career development opportunities.

"At the heart of this organization is unprecedented collaboration among the best minds from government, academia, business and nonprofits," said Rich Roberts, executive vice president of the public services line of business at BearingPoint. "By sharing the insights gained through collaboration, the center will consider practical, yet innovative methods to address the most pressing challenges in the public sector. We're delighted to be teaming with GW on this exciting endeavor."

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Located four blocks from the White House, The George Washington University was created by an Act of Congress in 1821. Today, GW is the largest institution of higher education in the nation's capital. The University offers comprehensive programs of undergraduate and graduate liberal arts study as well as degree programs in medicine, law, engineering, education, business/public management and international affairs. Each year, GW enrolls a diverse population of undergraduates, graduate and professional students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and more than 140 countries.

For more information about The Center for Innovation in Public Service, visit www.gwu.edu/~spppa/.

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GW UNVEILS NEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON – The George Washington University today inaugurated the newest member of its academic family, the School of Public Policy and Public Administration (SPPPA). Housed in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, SPPPA will serve as one of the country's premier institutes of public affairs education, research and public service.

"Since GW is located in a city that is home not only to the nation's government but also to the nation's policy process, it seemed only natural to create a School of Public Policy and Public Administration," said GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, who himself is a member of the SPPPA faculty as a professor of public administration. "The school is built on a foundation of more than 40 years of preparing graduate students for public service careers. It brings together public policy resources that have been spread across the University and centralizes, consolidates and leverages the talents of faculty and the enthusiasm of students to create a first-class center of scholarly excellence."

The new SPPPA enrolls students seeking opportunities in a wide variety of positions including federal, state and local governments, private business, research institutes, think tanks, nonprofit organizations, community advocacy groups, foundations and professional and trade associations. The Ph.D. program also prepares students with the research skills, knowledge and background to pursue a career in academia or at the senior levels of research institutes. In the most recent issue of *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools," GW's graduate public affairs programs were ranked among the very best in the U.S., based on a nationwide survey.

At the heart of the school are its diverse faculty, which in addition to public policy and public administration professors, boasts of economists, political scientists, historians, sociologists and other scholars.

"Our faculty draws from a cross-section of the University," said Kathryn Newcomer, SPPPA director and professor of public policy and public administration. "We offer a wide range of experience through participation in the real world of public affairs and public service, both in policy analysis and advocacy."

The school's degree programs, some of which were formerly housed within the School of Business and Public Management and the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, include a Master of Public Administration (M.P.A), including a J.D./M.P.A. joint degree program; the Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.), including a J.D./M.P.P. joint degree program and M.P.P./Ph.D. in political science dual degree program; and the Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration. In addition, the SPPPA is affiliated with a number of policy institutes including GW's Institute of Public Policy, Center for Excellence in Municipal Management, Center for Law Practice Strategy and Management and Center for Washington Area Studies. The school's newest addition, The Center for Innovation in Public Service, also was inaugurated today.

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**GW COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND THE HILDEBRANDT
INSTITUTE ANNOUNCE NEW EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP**

**Courses in Law Firm Management, Research Ventures
and Workshops Among the Projects in Development**

WASHINGTON – The George Washington University's College of Professional Studies (CPS) and The Hildebrandt Institute announced today the formation of a strategic partnership focused on the support of law firms and other professional service organizations. The partnership will undertake projects to encourage research and foster a better understanding of the principles of management and leadership applicable to professional service organizations. It also will develop and offer high-quality executive education and customized academic degree programs for managers and leaders of professional service firms, and promote the dissemination of information to support the efforts of persons engaged in the management and leadership of professional service businesses.

"GW created the college to work at the forefront of curricular innovation to respond to specialized education needs of professional communities today," said CPS Dean Roger Whitaker. "The CPS-Hildebrandt partnership is an appropriate teaming of GW's intellectual and research capabilities – including GW's Law School, Center for Excellence in Municipal Management, Center for Law Practice Strategy and Management among others – with an international network of law firms and service organizations."

CPS and Hildebrandt are currently at work on the development of a program of related courses in various areas of law firm management and leadership that can be combined to satisfy the requirements for a master's degree in law firm or professional service firm management. The parties also are working together to offer a number of advanced workshops for managing partners and others in key management and leadership roles in law firms, beginning with the workshop "Leading & Managing the 21st Century Law Firm," scheduled for October 14 and 15, 2004, at GW. Finally, Hildebrandt and the CPS will cooperate in a number of selected research projects, including a special survey on the future of the legal profession to be completed this spring.

"We are very excited about our new partnership with GW," said Brad Hildebrandt, chairman of Hildebrandt International, the parent company of The Hildebrandt Institute. "It underscores our commitment to remain a thought leader in the legal profession and provides us access to the considerable resources of The George Washington University in research and executive education programs. We believe that this partnership will generate substantial benefits for our company and our clients for many years to come."

The Hildebrandt Institute is a division of Hildebrandt International that provides executive education and training services for the legal profession. Hildebrandt International is a multidisciplinary consulting firm that has, for the past 30 years, assisted law firms and corporate law departments in implementing and achieving their strategic goals. With offices throughout the United States, as well as in London and Munich, and with clients around the world, Hildebrandt is the leading provider of management consulting services to the legal industry.

The GW College of Professional Studies is dedicated to placing the University's expertise and prestige in the marketplace where adults live and work. Its mission is to exemplify a new model of teaching and learning that focuses on learning needs of organizations and engages those organizations – and the professionals they represent – as active participants in the design of their own education. “The college’s partnership with Hildebrandt Institute,” said Whitaker, “represents just such a relationship.”

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**STUDENT ARTISTS FROM LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EXHIBIT WORK AT GW VIRGINIA CAMPUS
THROUGH FEBRUARY 25**

**Loudoun Schools Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Sharon Ackerman and GW Virginia
Campus Executive Dean John Wilson to Commend Students at Artist Recognition Reception
February 4**

- EVENT:** "Discover Loudoun's Young Artists," the Loudoun County Public Schools student art show, hosted by The George Washington University Virginia Campus. The winter exhibit will feature two-dimensional, mixed-media works by approximately 50 student artists from Tolbert Elementary School, Sterling Middle School and Park View High School.
- WHEN:** **Artist Recognition Reception: Wednesday, February 4, 6 – 8 p.m.**
Exhibit Dates: Now through February 25, 2004
Gallery Hours: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday - Thursday
- WHERE:** The George Washington University Virginia Campus, Gallery Lounge
20101 Academic Way, Ashburn, Va. (At University Center off of Rt. 7, one mile west of Rt. 28)
- COST:** The reception is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. RSVP for the reception by Wednesday, January 28, via email to kellyll@va.gwu.edu or by telephone at (703) 726-3650. The art show also is free and open to the public.

BACKGROUND:

The George Washington University Virginia Campus is proud to present "Discover Loudoun's Young Artists," a partnership program showcasing works by students from Loudoun County Public Schools.

The goal for Loudoun County Public Schools Visual Arts Program is to connect the student/creator to the power of the visual image and create a link between the arts of the past and present. In grades one through 12, basic learning goals have been set that strive to address students' sequential development through art in relation to their creative expression and appreciation of art.

Conveniently located in the Northern Virginia technology corridor near Dulles International Airport, the GW Virginia Campus is the University's research and technology campus. The 90-acre campus is a robust cluster of executive education and technology programs and world-class research initiatives in transportation safety and security, information technology and telecommunications. Since opening in August 1991, the campus has experienced a tenfold increase in its student base and grown annual research funding from \$50,000 to more than \$16 million in 2003.

**To learn more about the GW Art Exhibit Series and other programs at the GW Virginia Campus, visit
www.gwvirginia.gwu.edu.**

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GW RESEACHERS ANALYZE ATMOSPHERE ON MARS AND RECONSTRUCT TRAJECTORY OF MARS ROVER "SPIRIT"

Findings to Test Predictions of Martian Atmosphere and to Help Duplicate Success of Rover "Spirit" with Rover "Opportunity" Landing January 25

WASHINGTON — GW researchers associated with NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., are playing a major role in the Mars Exploration Rover mission by studying atmospheric entry and trajectory data from the rover "Spirit." Spirit successfully landed on Mars on January 4 after seven months of space travel.

Members of GW at Langley, previously part of the GW/NASA Joint Institute for Advancement of Flight Sciences (JIAFS), analyzed accelerometer and gyro readings from Spirit's trip through the Martian atmosphere and found NASA's temperature predictions for the Martian atmosphere to be "right on track." GW researchers are continuing to reconstruct the trajectory of Spirit to compare it with NASA's planned trajectory and study what made Spirit's entry, descent and landing on Mars so successful.

"We are studying the parameters which made the Spirit landing successful in hopes of duplicating conditions the second time around, as well as comparing actual and predicted temperature measurements of the Martian atmosphere," said Bob Blanchard, lead research scientist in the GW group. "These are two very significant tasks, obviously getting Spirit and now Opportunity safely on Mars is critical to the Mars Exploration Rover mission."

The second Mars Exploration Rover, "Opportunity," is set to land at Meridiani Planum on Mars at approximately 12:05 a.m. on January 25. The Mars rovers Spirit and Opportunity are identical in construction, but will land in different locations on Mars to study the climate and look for evidence of water to discern whether conditions on Mars would have been acceptable to support life.

The phase of the Mars Exploration Rover mission that GW researchers are involved in is called the entry, descent and landing portion of the mission. This phase begins when the spacecrafts reach Mars' atmosphere at approximately 80 miles above the surface of the planet and ends when the landers are safely on the surface of Mars. The descent through the Martian atmosphere takes approximately six minutes, during which time the spacecraft slows from approximately 12,000 to zero miles per hour.

NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., was established in 1917 as the nation's first civilian aeronautics laboratory. Langley's main area of research is aeronautics, but researchers at the center also focus on earth science, space technology and structures and materials. Langley leads NASA initiatives in aviation safety, quiet aircraft technology, small aircraft transportation and aerospace vehicles system technology. It also supports NASA space programs with atmospheric research and technology testing and development. GW has been associated with many NASA Langley projects for more than 35 years.

For more news and information about NASA Langley, visit www.larc.nasa.gov.

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**WILLIAM R. BABER APPOINTED ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH
AND DIRECTOR OF DOCTORAL PROGRAMS AT
GW'S SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT**

WASHINGTON – William R. Baber has been named the new associate dean for research and director of doctoral programs at The George Washington University School of Business and Public Management (SBPM).

As associate dean, Baber will be responsible for coordinating and advancing the research efforts of the school's individual faculty and its research centers and institutes. He also will spearhead the school's doctoral program and advise the program's students in their preparation for scholarly careers in business and management.

"Professor Baber brings extensive research experience to the doctoral program, as well as a wonderful reputation as a teaching professor," said SBPM Dean Susan M. Phillips. "He will be an enormous asset to the program, and I look forward to his leadership in moving the school's research and doctoral programs forward."

Baber joined SBPM as the Benjamin Franklin Professor of Accountancy in 1991. He has more than 20 years of experience teaching both financial and managerial accounting at GW, Dartmouth College, Georgetown University, Carnegie Mellon University, Duke University and Columbia University. Before joining the ranks of academia, he worked as an auditor and a consultant with Arthur Young & Company (now Ernst & Young) in Washington, D.C.

Baber earned his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, an M.B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh and a B.S. from Bucknell University.

His research addresses accounting and public policy issues. He is a member of many academic journal editorial boards, and his work is published in a number of journals including *The Accounting Review*, *Journal of Accounting Research*, *Journal of Accounting and Economic* and the *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*.

In spring 2003, Baber was designated "Faculty Member of the Year" by students in GW's full-time M.B.A. program, and in fall 2002 he was designated "Advisor of the Year" by the SBPM doctoral students.

Increasingly, GW's management school is regarded as one of the world's best. *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked GW 25th for part-time M.B.A. programs and in the top 50 for undergraduate business programs for four consecutive years. Meanwhile, *U.S. News* ranked GW 65th, *Forbes* ranked GW 66th and *BusinessWeek* ranked GW in the top 70 for full-time M.B.A. programs. The M.B.A. program also has been recognized by the World Resources Institute as "cutting-edge" for leadership in training students in social and environmental stewardship.

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**GW FINANCE PROFESSOR APPOINTED TO SECOND TERM AS DIRECTOR WITH
BALTIMORE BRANCH OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF RICHMOND**

Professor William C. Handorf Appointed to Three-Year Term

WASHINGTON – The Board of Governors of the U.S. Federal Reserve System has re-appointed William C. Handorf to a three-year term to the Board of Directors with the Baltimore Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Handorf's first term, announced April 19, 2001, was for an unexpired portion of a three-year term ending December 31, 2003. Handorf will now serve through December 31, 2006.

Handorf, a professor of finance, joined GW's School of Business and Public Management (SBPM) in 1975. He is widely known in finance and economic circles, and has published more than 400 articles and papers addressing such issues as strategic planning, interest rate risk management, hedging, interest rate futures, and capital and business planning, as well as related finance, banking and real estate topics.

For 10 years, from the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s, Handorf wrote *The Corporate Finance Letter*, formerly published by the America's Community Bankers Association. He also has written a monthly economic newsletter for international firms in Japan. Currently, he prepares *Global Indicators: U.S. Financial Markets*, a monthly newsletter that synthesizes U.S. financial highlights with supporting documentation about emerging trends. (*Global Indicators* is available free at www.gwu.edu/~sbpm/news/indicators.htm).

Before joining the ranks of academe, Handorf held a number of positions. He was a commercial lending credit analyst with the National Bank of Detroit and a director with the Federal Home Loan Bank System. He served as a consultant to Deloitte & Touche and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. He also has performed consulting assignments with the Office of Thrift Supervision and the central banks of Brazil, Hong Kong, India, Poland, Russia, South Korea and the Ukraine.

Handorf received an A.B. in economics and a M.B.A. in finance from the University of Michigan. He was awarded a doctorate in financial administration from Michigan State University in 1973.

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For more information about SBPM, please visit www.sbp.m.gwu.edu.

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LOCAL WRITERS VISIT GW ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AND GIVE PUBLIC READINGS OF THEIR WORK

WHAT:

Award-winning local poets and fiction writers visiting The George Washington University on one-day residencies will give public readings from their work at the University.

SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, February 17, 8 p.m. – Linda Pastan, poet (Marvin Center Amphitheatre)
Pastan served as the Poet Laureate of Maryland from 1991-1995. Among her many awards and honors are a Pushcart Prize, a Dylan Thomas Award, the Di Castagnola Award and the Charity Randall Citation.

Tuesday, March 2, 5 p.m. – Howard Norman, novelist (Marvin Center 307)
Norman is best known for his Canadian trilogy: "The Bird Artist," "The Museum Guard" and "The Haunting of L." He has won *Time* magazine's "Best Five Books of the Year" (1996) and New England Booksellers Association Fiction Award (1995).

Thursday, March 4, 5 p.m. – Michael Collier, poet (Marvin Center 301)
Collier has served as Poet Laureate of Maryland since 2001 and director of the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference since 1994. His most recent work, "The Ledge" (2000), was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award.

Tuesday, March 23, 5 p.m. – Richard McCann, fiction writer/poet (Marvin Center 404)
McCann is the author of "Ghost Letters" – which won the 1994 Beatrice Hawley Award and the 1993 Capricorn Poetry Award – and the editor (with Michael Klein) of "Things Shaped in Passing: More 'Poets for Life' Writing from the AIDS Pandemic."

Tuesday, March 30, 5 p.m. – Gregory Orr, poet/essayist (Marvin Center 307)
Orr is the author of more than seven collections of poetry, including "Orpheus and Eurydice" (2000) and "The Caged Owl: New & Selected Poems" (2003). He is the recipient of the YM-YWHA Poetry Center Discovery Award.

WHERE:

The George Washington University
Marvin Center (see room notations on above schedule)
800 21st Street, NW
Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

COST:

Free and open to the public.

BACKGROUND:

The GW Department of English is hosting distinguished local writers for a series of nine one-day residencies. These writers will visit GW creative writing classes and meet with students, as well as give public readings. Other writers visiting GW through this program include playwright Ari Roth (Feb. 18), novelist A.J. Verdelle (Feb. 23), poet Cornelius Eady (Feb. 24) and fiction writer Jean McGarry (March 24).

**For more information about this and other reading series at GW, contact the
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**GW LAW PROFESSOR ROBERT COTTROL AWARDED
2003 LANGUM PROJECT FOR HISTORICAL LITERATURE PRIZE**

WASHINGTON – GW Law Professor Robert Cottrol is being honored with the 2003 Langum Project for Historical Literature prize for his book, “Brown v. Board of Education: Caste, Culture and the Constitution” (University Press of Kansas, 2003), co-authored by Raymond T. Diamond of Tulane University and Leland B. Ware of the University of Delaware.

“I’m honored that our book won the Langum Prize,” said Cottrol. “It is a recognition that our book is both a work of serious scholarship and yet accessible to the educated public. These are important qualities for those of us involved in legal scholarship. We write about issues that affect the lives and the rights of all Americans and it is important that we speak beyond the narrow confines of the legal academy.”

The Langum Project was founded by David Langum Sr. out of the conviction that too many historians were writing only for each other’s reading and not for the general public. Eligible books must be accessible to the general, educated public, rooted in sound scholarship and with themes that touch upon matters of general concern to the American public, past or present.

“I was delighted to hear that Bob’s latest book won this award,” said GW Law School Dean Michael K. Young. “It is wonderfully written and I have been recommending it as a must read for some time now.”

Cottrol joined the Law School faculty in 1995 as visiting professor of law and legal history. He had previously taught at Rutgers University and Boston College, and had visited at the University of Virginia. A specialist in the area of American legal history, Cottrol has taught that subject as well as torts and criminal law. His writings on law and legal history have appeared in the *Yale Law Journal*, *Georgetown Law Journal*, *American Journal of Legal History* and the *Law and Society Review*, among others. He is the author of “The Afro-Yankees: Providence’s Black Community in the Antebellum Era,” and editor of “Gun Control and the Constitution: Sources and Explorations on the Second Amendment” (selected as an Alternative Book of the Month selection by the History Book Club) and “From African to Yankee: Narratives of Slavery and Freedom in Antebellum New England.”

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**TENNESSEE WILLIAMS' WORK BROUGHT TO LIFE WITH THE GW
DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE'S PRODUCTION OF
"CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF"
FEBRUARY 25-29**

EVENT: "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," directed by Nate Garner, GW professor of theatre. This is the first show of the spring 2004 semester for The George Washington University's Department of Theater and Dance.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. (Preview)
Thursday, February 26 – Saturday, February 28, at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 29, at 2 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University
Betts Marvin Theatre, Marvin Center 1st floor
800 21st Street NW, Washington D.C.
(Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

COST: \$8 – GW Students; \$12 – General Admission
Tickets are available on the Internet at www.gwu.edu/~theater, by calling (202) 994-6178 or at the box office next to the Betts Marvin Theatre, on the first floor of the Marvin Center at the following times:
Monday, February 23 – Friday, February 27, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.;
Wednesday, February 25 – Saturday, February 28, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; and
Sunday, February 29, from 1-2 p.m.

BACKGROUND:

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," written in 1955 by Tennessee Williams, tells the story of Big Daddy, an ailing patriarch forced to choose which of two sons to whom he will leave the plantation. As the members of the family assemble to celebrate Big Daddy's 65th birthday, the reemergence of old evils poisons the gaiety.

**For more information, visit the GW Department of Theatre and Dance at www.gwu.edu/~theatre, call (202) 994-6178 or e-mail trdanews@gwu.edu.
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**“TUNISIAN PAINTINGS: A CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE”
AT GW’S LUTHER W. BRADY ART GALLERY
THROUGH FEBRUARY 20**

EVENT: “Tunisian Paintings,” an exhibit of 19 works of art on loan from the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Leisure of the Republic of Tunisia, is on view at The George Washington University’s Luther W. Brady Art Gallery. The exhibition is supported by the Milton and Miriam Handler Foundation.

WHEN: Exhibition Dates: Through Friday, February 20, 2004
Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University
Luther W. Brady Art Gallery, Media and Public Affairs Building – 2nd floor
805 21st Street NW, Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

COST: Free and open to the public.

BACKGROUND:

This is a unique opportunity to see famous Tunisian artists in an unprecedented exhibition representing the masterful works of Jellal Ben Abdallah, Ali Bellagha, Maurice Bismouth, Pierre Boucherle, Brahim Dhahak, Abdelaziz Gorgi, Jules Lellouche, Victor Sarfati and Gouider Triki.

A celebration of Tunisia’s traditions of tolerance and openness as depicted through a century of Tunisian art, the exhibition introduces Washington area audiences to the “Pioneers” and the next generation of painters born in the 1920s and 1930s who worked together under the established trends in Tunisian painting, L’Ecole de Tunis. They paved the way for the emergence of new waves of artists. Dr. Abdelbaki Hermassi, Minister of Culture, Youth and Leisure of the Republic of Tunisia, visited Washington, D.C., and was introduced by GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg in the company of Ambassador and Mrs. Hatem Atallah, at the opening ceremony of the exhibition. Hermassi remarked on the camaraderie shared by artists of different cultural backgrounds in Tunisia, and how the paintings illustrate that shared yet diverse heritage.

The Tunisian propensity for hosting a diversity of civilizations drew to its shores a number of artists who came from afar to seek in Tunisia their “muse” – Gustave Flaubert’s *Salammbô*; Paul Klee and August Macke’s trip to Tunisia in 1914 crystallized Klee’s sensitivity to shimmering color in desert light, leading to his transformation of color into abstraction. The island of Djerba, the mythical home of Ulysses’ Lotus Eaters, encapsulates that mystical and romantic allure of North Africa, the “Maghreb,” that was an inspiration to French Orientalist painters, and later, Matisse and Picasso.

Jews have a long history throughout Tunisia; there are telling portraits of typical life in the Jewish community and at La Ghriba, Djerba, a synagogue whose site dates back more than 1,900 years. The exhibition is accompanied by informative text panels and a selection of several rare books from the I. Edward Kiev Judaica Collection at GW’s Gelman Library. Tunisia’s heritage of Jewish book publication is evidenced in three books, two volumes published in Djerba dating to the early part of the 20th century, and a third book that is a record of Mordecai Manuel Noah’s lively description of travels in North Africa under sail. Noah served as U.S. consul to Tunisia from 1813-1816.

**For more information, call the University Art Galleries at (202) 994-1525 or visit www.gwu.edu/~bradyart.
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